## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JUNE 13, 1946

The Board of Public Works met on June 13, 1946, in the offices of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present:

Herbert R. O'Conor, Governor Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller.

The Minutes of the Board of Public Works meeting of May 29, 1946, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

# MARYLAND COMMISSION ON POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Dr. R. H. Riley, Director, State Department of Health, with a tabulation of the bids received in connection with the construction of a new building for the Central Office and Laboratories of the department in Baltimore.

There was no action taken upon the matter at this time because of the bids being greatly in excess of the funds available for the cost of the work.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Dr. Silas W. Weltmer, Superintendent of Spring Grove State Hospital, requesting authority to advertise for bids for the following construction work:-

Addition to the Laundry
Installation of new machinery in the Laundry
Remodeling of kitchen and dining rooms of the
Center Building.

The request of the hospital was approved.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from the <u>Mary-land Training School for Colored Girls</u> that they be authorized to advertise for proposals for the construction of a Staff Cottage at that institution, for which the sum of \$60,000 is available.

The request was approved.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated June 10, 1946, from Montrose School for Girls, in which request is made for a revision of the construction program for that institution under the Post-War Program. It was requested that the amount of \$90,000 allotted for building and equipment for 28 Girls be increased to \$125,000, as this would make possible a combination building to house additional girls and part of the Staff.

It was agreed that the school should be authorized to proceed with the completion of plans and specifications for a dormitory for girls and Staff, with proper equipment, the \$90,000 allotment being increased to \$125,000 for this purpose.

No action was taken on the request of the school for other items set forth in the letter of June 10, 1946.

The Board took no action on request of <u>Montrose School for Girls</u>, dated June 12, 1946, that the sum of \$12,000 be made available as promptly as possible for Extension of 6" Water Line; Replacement of Hog House; and Renovation of Existing Quarters.

Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, <u>University of Maryland</u>, appeared before the Board and outlined the needs of the University with respect to additional facilities, the large number of requests being received for admission of students requiring increased facilities for heating, sleeping, and classrooms. Dr. Byrd dis-

cussed the matter of letting contracts for such work or the doing of it on the basis of employing a Superintendent to supervise the construction, with the State purchasing the necessary materials and employing labor, with the letting of sub-contracts for such work as plumbing, heating, etc.

Dr. Byrd was requested to contact four or five large contractors and obtain from them estimates of costs of construction; and, also, to obtain information relative to the employment of a General Superintendent to supervise the work, if done by the State on the basis outlined by Dr. Byrd.

# GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

The Board approved request from the Real Estate Commission for an allotment of \$50.00 from the General Emergency Fund to cover the payment of premium on the bond of the Chairman of the Real Estate Commission of Maryland.

### BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated June 11, 1946, from Mr. Edwin Warfield, Chairman, Board of Natural Resources, advising that he and Dr. W. P. Kemp, Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, had inspected the tract of land in Green Spring Valley which has been offered to the State for use, through the generosity of neighboring property owners, and that, after due consideration, it was the judgment of Dr. Kemp and Mr. Warfield that the property should be accepted if and when proffered to the State, and that in the event of it being turned over to the State the control of the property should be vested in the Department of State Forests and Parks.

The Board approved the suggestion of Mr. Warfield in this matter and authorized him to take whatever steps are necessary to obtain the property for the State, in accordance with the conditions of the proposal which had previously been made.

### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated June 5, 1946, from the Department of Correction with invoice in the amount of \$1,349.70 for prison labor furnished to the Military Department-Fifth Regiment Armory, for the period March 1, 1944 to March 31, 1946. The Board was requested by the Department of Correction to advise whether they should insist upon payment of the bill by the Military Department, or whether the account should be written off as uncollectible.

The Board was of the opinion that the Military Department should pay this obligation from its current budget.

### MORGAN STATE COLLEGE:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved payment of various items aggregating \$1,331.00 to educational institutions, covering scholarships for students in those institutions, payable out of the appropriation for scholarships for the fiscal year 1946.

The Board rook up for consideration a letter addressed to it under date of May 25, 1946, by Judge Morris Soper, Chairman, Board of Trustees of the College, in which attention was called to the inadequacy of State support and requesting that consideration be given to providing additional funds for operating expenses for the college in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1946.

After carefully considering Judge Soper's letter and the statistics accompanying it, the Board agreed to allot to Morgan State College, out of the General Emergency Fund for 1947, the sum of \$50,332 requested by the college - this allotment to be duly made at the next meeting of the Board, at which allotments from the General Emergency Fund will be made.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE:

The Board approved request of the State Department of Public Welfare that it be allowed to use for the purposes of the Maryland State-wide Commission on Youth Services the sum of \$3,000 which had previously been allotted by the Board from the 1946 General Emergency Fund for a joint study of feeble-minded children.

#### STATE PROPERTY:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved disposal of property owned by the State but no longer necessary in the conduct of the State's business, as follows:

State Roads Commission - 75 wornout Tires, located at La Plata, sold for \$7.00 to the La Plata Junk Yard.

University of Maryland - Underwood Typewriter #4365216 sold to Mrs.

E. R. McGovran, Hyattsville, for \$26.66.

University of Maryland - sale of photograph enlarger for \$45.00.

Eastern Shore State Hospital - sale of outmoded bakery equipment as junk, at \$5.00 per ton.

### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, appeared before the Board and called attention to the fact that the funds available for the operating expenses of the fiscal year 1947 will be inadequate, and, more particularly, that he anticipates deficits in the amounts of -

\$132,000 for the Medical School Account; 40,000 for the University Hospital Account; and 57,000 for the Dental School Account.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Philip A. Long, dated June 8, 1946, advising that his son had been denied admission to the University of Maryland with no explanation given for the reason therefor.

This letter was turned over to Dr. Byrd and he promised that he would write to Mr. Long, direct.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Joseph Ocmeluseer
Secretary.

#### GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

The Board approved the transfer of \$1,700 to Maryland Training School for Colored Girls from the General Emergency Fund to supplement operating expense items as necessary to carry on the normal operations of the school for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

The Board approved a transfer of \$6,155.26 from the General Emergency Fund to:-

Department of Motor Vehicles-Property Tax Collection Division to supplement said budget to pay administration costs of the Division for the 1946 fiscal year, the special fund receipts provided by \$5,500.51 law for this purpose having proved insufficient; and

Miscellaneous Appropriation #8 to reimburse the Bonus Fund for payments to employees of the Division paid from Special Funds. \$654.75.

The Board approved the transfer of \$10,223.52 from the General Emergency Fund to <u>Miscellaneous Appropriation #8-</u>State Bonus Fund, this amount being necessary to supplement the appropriation for the fiscal year 1946 for the payment of the "bonus" to State employees as provided for by Chapter 893 of the Acts of 1945, the original appropriation having proved insufficient.

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board that there was being returned to the General Emergency Fund \$938.00 by the <u>Maryland Racing Commission</u> in order to reimburse this Fund in the amount necessary to keep the expenditures of the Commission within the legal authorization.